

LOCAL DEATH RATE SHOWN IN STATISTICS

Health Officer Woodward Says Condition Not Alarming.

MORTALITY IN NEGRO RACE

Large Colored Population—Effect of Federal Institutions on Conditions—Figures Gathered by Marine Hospital Service Said to Be Misleading.

The statistics relating to the death rate in cities contained in the annual report of the Marine Hospital Service was shown to the District Health Officer yesterday and his opinion asked concerning the comparatively high death rate of Washington. Some of the cities contained in the report are as follows: New York, 20 per 1,000; Boston, 19.70; Philadelphia, 18.27; Baltimore, 20.25; Washington, 21.14; New Orleans, 21.44; Louisville, 17.67; San Francisco, 19.34; Charleston, 20.11.

Dr. Woodward said that the death rate in cities as given in such reports was not a satisfactory indication of the healthfulness of such localities. He said that certain considerations such as the size of the city, the character of the inhabitants and their power of resistance against the inroads of disease should be taken into account. Not until the death rate is analyzed could it be properly understood, and Dr. Woodward declared that the practice of estimating the health of a community by the death rate was very misleading.

Dr. Woodward explained that the death rate per thousand is greater in large cities than in small ones, and that on this point alone a comparison between Washington and some other cities of the country would be entirely misleading. For example he thought it would be unfair to Washington to compare its death rate with a city of 40,000 people.

Bases of Computation.

Then Dr. Woodward said that a great deal of confusion results from the different bases from which the death rate is computed. He said that in the large cities the Federal census is frequently much lower than enumerations taken by the police. He said that the report of the Marine Hospital Service would not show whether the Federal census or the local enumeration had been followed, and he said that the low death rate reported by some cities was due to a large estimated population upon which it was based.

Speaking further upon this point, Dr. Woodward presented some figures taken from his last annual report in which the results of the Federal census were contrasted with the police census of previous years.

"The Federal census of 1900," he said, "has shown a disappointingly small population for this District. The total number of inhabitants enumerated was 147,273, of which 129,916 of colored, and 17,357 of white. Recent police censuses have justified a belief that the population of the District would be not less than 255,000."

"The results of such censuses, shown in the following statement, had been consistent with one another and with the Federal census of 1890. The Federal census of 1890 showed a white population of 114,820 and a colored population of 77,572, total, 192,392.

"Population of the District of Columbia, Police Censuses:

June, 1887, white, 145,635; colored, 75,322, total, 220,957. June, 1892, white, 153,610; colored, 84,841, total, 238,451. December, 1894, white, 152,216; colored, 86,985, total, 239,201. April, 1897, white, 149,467; colored, 83,325, total, 232,792.

Disappearing Figures.

"The increase from year to year while not great has been reasonably large, and for a community of the character of Washington satisfactory. When, therefore, the Federal census of June, 1900, shows on comparison with the police census of April, 1897, an increase in the white population of but 2,609, and a decrease in the colored population of 1,923, making a total increase of but 686 in somewhat more than three years, it is apparent that there have been some very unusual and remarkable factors at work to modify usual conditions, or that one or the other of these enumerations of the population is inaccurate."

"A careful consideration having failed to show the presence of any factors likely to curtail the usual increase in the population, the latter hypothesis is at least reasonably well sustained. As to which of the enumerations is in error there may be honest differences of opinion, but as the police census was made by men familiar with every nook and cranny of the District, and whose uniformity commanded respect, and the summing up of the returns done by men whose gradually increasing experience up to the last enumeration insured accuracy, it would appear that the chances of being correct were much in favor of the police census. The Federal census of June, 1890, showing probably less than the actual number of the inhabitants."

Federal Census Figures Used.

Dr. Woodward stated that the discrepancy shown in these figures was not great enough to justify the department in abandoning the figures of the Federal census, and that the Washington death rate is estimated upon it, though no doubt the city suffers in comparison with others who do not follow that basis of estimating the death rate.

The character of the population, in the mind of Dr. Woodward has much to do with the death rate of the city. For example, he said, a new town in the West which is growing rapidly would have a population of sturdy people in the prime of life. There would be no babies, no aged people and no chronic invalids to swell the death rate. He said that in old communities like Washington, where the mortality of children is very marked, and where sudden change of the weather, when old people die rapidly in winter and where there are many hospitals sheltering sick people, the death rate must of necessity be high. The power of resistance in such a community, he thought, is necessarily small.

The Negro Population.

Dr. Woodward is also of the opinion that in Washington and many of the Southern cities the death rate is made

larger by the presence of a large colored population. The death rate among the negroes is everywhere higher than among the white population. Just how much this factor enters in raising the death rate Dr. Woodward was not in position to say, as the Northern and Western cities do not compile statistics of the white people who live under the same conditions and perform the same labor as the negroes in the Southern cities.

Dr. Woodward called attention to the fact that there are three Federal institutions in this District of Columbia which affect the death rate. These are the United States Hospital for the Insane, in which for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901, there were 226 deaths; the Soldiers Home Hospital, where there were 47 deaths; and the Washington Barracks and Navy Yard, where there 12 deaths. These, he said, are not enumerated in the population and yet they are figured in the annual death rate for the same year and reported by the Marine Hospital Service.

MINOR MUNICIPAL MATTERS OF INTEREST

The Commissioners have directed that the proposal of M. F. Tait, dated July 19, to improve Connecticut Avenue west of Rock Creek, for the following prices, namely, for grading 97 cents per cubic yard and for removing and replacing macadam 70 cents per cubic yard, be accepted.

Third-class steam engineer's licenses were issued yesterday to Harry L. Allen and T. Milburn.

Leave of absence, from July 26 to September 14 inclusive, has been granted to Dr. Percy Hickling, visiting physician at the Washington Asylum Hospital. Dr. French has been designated to perform the duties of Dr. Hickling during the period of his leave.

The Commissioners have recommended to the Secretary of War the granting of permits to C. A. Munn and John O'Connor for projections beyond the building line, under the provisions of the act of March 2, 1901.

Griffone Marco has been informed by the Commissioners that the police regulations will not permit of the ringing of bells in the streets for the purpose of advertising the business in accordance with his request.

C. W. Collins, acting Collector of Taxes, has forwarded to the Commissioners a list of pieces of property erroneously sold at the tax sales in the years 1899, 1900 and 1901, respectively. The list is for the information and inspection of the Board of Commissioners.

The clerk of the water main tax division of the Assessor's Office has forwarded to the Commissioners a statement to the effect that \$250 is required from the contingent fund for the prosecution of work attached to his office during the present fiscal year. On the recommendation of the Assessor, the Commissioners have approved the same.

On recommendation of the Assessor, the Commissioners have voted to exempt lot 123, Block 2, Bay Farm, from taxation, because upon the lot stands the Mount Vernon Church, of Tella, D. C. This action was taken upon the application of Nath Grimes, pastor of the church.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department has requested the Commissioners to grant an appropriation of \$1,000 from the contingent fund for the use of his department during the present fiscal year, as follows: Gas and electric lighting, \$3,000; horseshoeing, \$3,500; laundry, \$500; ice, \$350; coal oil, \$300; harness, \$250; bags, \$150, and other items including fixtures, supplies and printing, \$5,250.

The Commissioners have informed Richard L. Fears that he and others interested in obtaining a sidewalk on the west side of Twenty-second Street, between P Street and Massachusetts Avenue, can have the same by presenting to the Board a petition signed by a majority of the abutting property owners.

Charles E. Wilson has been appointed watchman in the smallpox service of the Health Department at \$2 per diem, and by order of the Commissioners has been clothed with the authority of an additional private of the police force for duty in connection with his duties.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department has informed the Commissioners that the Firemen's Relief Association desires to give a benefit excursion in the latter part of next month, for the benefit of the organization, and he asks that the request of Foreman T. J. Brown, president of the association, that the members be allowed to sell tickets for the excursion, be granted. The request has been approved.

PETITIONS FOR SUPPORT.

Mrs. Susie Davis Institutes Proceedings Against Her Husband.

Proceedings were commenced yesterday in equity by Mrs. Susie A. Davis against her husband, William E. Davis, for separate support and maintenance. It is stated that they were married in this city in July, 1897, and that soon after removed to Philadelphia. A short while ago Mrs. Davis says she and her husband returned to this city to reside. She states, however, that he is very often under the influence of liquor, and that he fails to contribute properly to the support of herself and child.

Mrs. Davis is represented by Attorney Albert Silvers.

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Lambeth's Condition Improved.

The condition of J. W. Lambeth, a conductor on the Metropolitan Street Railway, who was severely burned about the hands and body by electricity about 10 o'clock Monday night, is reported greatly improved.

Bay Ridge, the Queen Resort of the Chesapeake Bay.

Salt water bathing, Orchestra and Dancing, Boating, Fishing and Crabbing. Exceedingly adapted for church and organization excursions. Good hotel accommodations, specially attractive for Washington folks for over Sunday outings. Trains leave B. & O. R. R. Station 9:10 a. m. and 4:20 p. m. week days; 9:30 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. Sundays.

STREET PEDDLER IN COURT.

"Worker for Benefit of Mankind" Pays His Fine.

Mrs. Catharine C. Goodrich, who declined to take the ordinary oath, but said she would affirm, and gave her occupation as a "worker for the benefit of mankind and the glory of God," was a witness in the Police Court yesterday in behalf of Gottlieb Rudolph, charged with being disorderly.

Oliver P. Maury, a man about seventy years of age, who lives on First Street northeast, said that Rudolph was peddling paper and envelopes Monday, and that because he refused to buy he called him "an old hag."

Mrs. Goodrich said Rudolph was a hard working, sober, peaceful man, usually, but she knew nothing of the occurrence of last night, and he was fined \$5, which she paid.

Rudolph about three months ago was in court charged with being a vagrant. A policeman said he had seen him wandering about the streets drunk on several occasions. Rudolph emphatically denied the accusation. He asserted that he had always tried to live the life of a Christian and that he had never been drunk in his life, and others corroborated his statements and he was discharged.

THOMAS M. BOND SUE FOR ALLEGED LIBEL

Frank A. Mitchell Says He Was Defamed

Charges Defendant With Saying He Owed Him Money in Horse Deal and Other Derogatory Things.

Mr. Frank A. Mitchell, president of the Mitchell Roofing Company, through Attorney Stuart McNamara, yesterday began suit at law against Mr. Thomas M. Bond, for \$25,000 damages, for alleged slander and defamation of character.

The declaration sets forth that Mr. Mitchell was engaged in a large contracting business under the name of the Mitchell Roofing Company, and had a very large acquaintance and commercial relationship with the business men of this city and elsewhere throughout the country.

On July 10 of this year, at the auction stand of Magrath & Kennelly, on Eleventh Street northwest, while talking with Mr. Kennedy and in the hearing of a large number of people who were present, Mrs. Mitchell alleges that Mr. Bond charged the plaintiff with being unreliable in business transactions, with having procured a horse from the defendant and having evaded the defendant's efforts to collect the bill and other charges of a serious character. Mr. Mitchell avers that his business has been severely damaged by the alleged slander.

NEW CONSUMPTION CURE.

Marvelous Result of Treatment of Fred Hamman by Vienna Specialist.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Fred Hamman, a patient with heavy consumption, afflicted by the "New York Journal" and the "Vanderbilt Clinic" from 100 other cases, and sent at the "Journal's" expense to Prof. Hoff, the eminent specialist at Vienna, to prove to the world that the disease is curable, has returned home completely cured. Dr. Hoff's famous prescription, together with a bottle of the medicine and a twenty-four page handbook, containing the "Journal's" account of the cure as it progressed, is being sent out free to consumptives and all sufferers from bronchitis, asthma, and catarrh, by the Journal Research Society, 672 American Trust Building, New York city.

B. & O. R. R. Week-End Sea Shore Excursions.

Tickets good going on all trains Friday and Saturday, returning until Tuesday following, at rate of 80 cts. for the round trip to Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Isle City and Ocean City, N. J.

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CRUSADE AGAINST IMPROPER SCALES

"Buckets" Used Instead of Actual Measures.

Scaler of Weights and Measures Actively at Work to Prevent Fraud.

Mr. W. C. Haskell, scaler of weights and measures of the District, has started a crusade against bucketers and others who use measures or "instruments" which have not been inspected and stamped by the scaler or his assistants.

The law against the use of such measures is very plain and the fines severe. The bucketers, it appears, have recently adopted certain sizes of "buckets" or other measures which are not according to law in size or measurement.

Mr. Haskell says if the purchaser of tomatoes and other vegetables, particularly the former, would only stop and think before making their purchase they would find that they are paying about one-third more, or 50 or 60 cents a peck for tomatoes, when they buy 5 or 10 cent "buckets."

Should Examine Scales.

The purchaser should see, he says, that the scales and measures used for weighing or measuring their purchases have the seal of the scaler of weights and measures, a "W" with the year of inspection connected. By so doing they will themselves economize and will cooperate with the scaler's office in its efforts to break up this illegal use of "buckets."

Many Measures Seized.

First Assistant Scaler Howe recently seized and condemned twenty-eight unlawful measures, and yesterday sixteen "buckets" were seized because they were not lawful measures or "instruments."

Heretofore Mr. Haskell has been lenient, except in extreme cases, taking into consideration the plea of ignorance of the law which so many of the bucketers made. It is his intention now, however, to proceed in the Police Court against all such offenders.

CAR STRUCK BY TRAIN.

Passengers Unhurt, and But \$50 Damage Done the Motor.

Engine 199, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and a train of empty freight cars, collided with a car of the Washington Traction and Electric Company yesterday morning at Four-and-a-half Street and Virginia Avenue.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

John E. Robertson, Blackstone, Va., and Lucy H. Willy, Gills, Va.
Charles Brookings and Martha Dycen.
Charles A. Beach, Alexandria, Va., and Alice V. Able, Prince William county, Virginia.
John Hall and Sarah A. Smith.
Jefferson Ellis and Mary Agnes Powell, both of Orange county, Virginia.
J. Walter Farren and Leslie R. Turner.
Henry Horner Snelling and Charlotte E. Smith.
Bryson, Ezell, Boston, Mass., and Norah P. Jones, District of Columbia.
Charles Johnson and Grace Coleman.

\$10 Excursions to Niagara Falls \$10

Via Pennsylvania Railroad. Special trains of coaches and parlor cars will leave Washington 2 a. m., July 24, August 7 and 21, September 4 and 18, October 2 and 16. Tickets limited to ten days. Stop-over privileges at Buffalo returning.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Partly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday; light, variable winds.

TEMPERATURE

Highest temperature, 4 p. m. 81
Lowest temperature, 6 a. m. 65

SAME DATE LAST YEAR.

Maximum, 4:52 A.M. Sun sets, 7:29 P.M.
Moon rises, 8:31 P.M. Moon sets, 4:02 A.M.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide 3:52 A.M. and 4:15 P.M.
Low tide 9:48 A.M. and 10:10 P.M.

STREET LIGHTING.

Lamps lit today, 1:57 P.M.
Lamps out tomorrow, 4:02 A.M.

AMUSEMENTS.

Columbia—Edwin Arden in "Caste" evening.
Coliseum—National circuit meet. Cycle races, evening.
American League Park—Washington vs. Cleveland, 1:30 p. m.

EXCURSIONS.

River View—See schedules.
Steamer, Macabaster for Marshall Hall at 10 a. m., 2:30 and 9:30 p. m.
Norfolk and Washington line for Fortress Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m.
Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirteenth-and-a-half Street for Alexandria and Arlington every half hour: Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.; Chesapeake Beach—See schedules under "Railroads and Steamboats" for time.
Colonial Beach—Steamer T. V. Arrow-smith. See schedule under excursions for time.
Bay Ridge—Trains leave B. & O. station 9:10 a. m. and 4:20 p. m. week days.

TEMPERATURES IN OTHER CITIES.

	Max.	Min.	Rain.
Atlantic City	72	66	...
Atlanta, Ga.	84	62	78
Bismarck, N. D.	84	54	82
Boston, Mass.	66	58	60
Buffalo, N. Y.	72	60	68
Chicago	80	64	78
Cincinnati	80	60	76
Cheyenne, Wyo.	84	46	70 T.
Davenport, Iowa	82	62	80
Denver, Col.	88	54	78
Des Moines, Iowa	80	60	70
Galveston, Tex.	88	78	84
Helena, Mont.	84	62	82
Indianapolis, Ind.	78	56	76
Jacksville, Fla.	92	74	2.50
Kansas City, Mo.	80	66	76
Little Rock, Ark.	86	64	84
Marquette, Mich.	74	60	72
Memphis, Tenn.	84	66	80
New Orleans, La.	88	78	86
New York, N. Y.	80	60	70
North Platte, Neb.	88	66	78
Omaha, Neb.	84	64	80
Pittsburg, Pa.	76	62	72 T.
Salt Lake City	92	64	88
St. Louis, Mo.	82	66	76
St. Paul, Minn.	80	60	74
Springfield, Ill.	82	60	78
Vicksburg, Miss.	88	68	84

HEALTH OFFICE RECORD.

Deaths.

The following deaths for twenty-four hours were reported at the Health Department up to noon yesterday:

Sarah A. Young, 91 years.
Mary A. Galt, 84 years.
William F. Clarke, 81 years.
Ernest W. Taylor, 80 years.
Agnes M. Jenks, 71 years.
Verlinda E. Shelton, 69 years.
Anna M. Foulkner, 67 years.
Martha W. Kehoe, 58 years.
Annie E. Brice, 56 years.
John T. Harris, 47 years.
James King, 44 years.
C. Arthur Snyder, 38 years.
Mary E. Rollins, 35 years.
Clara M. Redman, 24 years.
Mary E. Dade, 20 years.
James Turner, 25 years.
Mary A. Knish, 24 years.
John T. Thurston, 22 years.
Robert Ware, 20 years.
William Brown, 16 years.
Robert Pindexter, 6 years.
Edith T. Bush, 5 years.
Lillian Blumer, 1 year.
Douglas Murphy, 11 months.
Eugene Coleman, 9 months.
Eugene Smith, 8 months.
Samuel Lippman, 5 months.
Edna Williams, 4 months.
Elaie Galloway, 3 months.
John C. Brozard, 2 months.
Joseph W. Fortney, 15 days.

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Mascot Hardwood Refrigerator, the latest 1902 device for keeping the ice and preserving the food, 34 inches wide, 22 inches deep, 49 inches high, double doors for provision chamber—special before inventory price, \$14.98.

Lapland Tiled-lined Refrigerator, positively the best and most economical ice and food preserver on the market; solid oak casing, provision chamber 22 inches wide, 22 inches deep, 57 inches high; very specially offered in this before inventory clearance at \$29.98.

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